banks/institutions has been estimated by the Committee as under:

Bank/Institution	Acquisition Cost (Rs. in crores)	BR/SGL issued by
1. Canbank Financial Services Ltd. . .	435·31	Bank of Karad
2. Canbank Mutual Fund	102·97	Do.
3. Standard Chartered Bank	355·94	Do.
4. Do.	575·90	Metropolitan Co-operative Bank Ltd.
	1470·12	

(b) to (d) The matter is under investigation.

(e) The Ministry has not received any such request.

Multinational Companies in the Power Generation Equipment

@1239. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to invite multinational companies in the filed of power generation equipment with a view to break BHEL's monopoly; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for taking such a decision and what are the power generating equipment for which multinational collaboration is being sought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 211 transferred from the 9th July, 1992.

(b) Does not arise.

Targets of N.T.P.C. in regarding transmission lines

1240. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the targets of N.T.P.C. in the country and in Andhra Pradesh for the year 1992-93 regarding transmission lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): The management of transmission works of NTPC has been taken over by National Power Transmission Corporation (NTPC). A stringing target of 927 ckt. Kms. for the country has been proposed for the year 1992-93.

The following major transmission lines including sub-stations have recently been completed in Andhra Pradesh:

1. 63 MVAR Bus Reactor at Gooty substation, commissioned on 1-11-91.

2. Bus Reactor at Nagarjunsagar, commissioned on 5-12-91.

3. Ramagundam-Khamman 400 KV S/C line, commissioned on 27-12-91.

4. Khamman-Vijayawada 400 KV S/C commissioned on 20-3-92.

5. Bus Reactor at Vijayawada sub-station commissioned on 27-3-92.

The stringing target of transmission line for 1992-93 in Andhra Pradesh is NIL.

Plant load factor of units of Ramagundam N.T.P.C. Station

1241. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the plant load factor of the units of Ramagundam NTPC station;

(b) what are the reasons for the low plant load factor at Ramagundam; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the plant load factor during the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) The Plant Load Factor (PLF) of the Ramagundam Station of NTPC was 61.2 per cent in 1991-92 as compared to 51.85 per cent in 1990-91. Still higher PLF could not be achieved primarily due to shortage of coal. A Committee has been constituted to recommend measures for augmenting coal supplies for Ramagundam Station during 1992-93. The report of the Committee has not been received.

Proposal for the Development of a National Power Grid

1242. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Miinster of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration for the development of a National Power Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The National Power Grid is in the process of development with the continued augmentation of Extra High Voltage lines in the Central Sector and creation/strengthening of the Inter-State and Inter-Regional transmission linke, and load despatch facilities.

Power generation capacity of APSEB

1243. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the electric power generation capacity added to APSEB during the year 1991-92; and

(b) what are the targets for the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details of capacity addition in Andhra Pradesh State Electricity